

Application No. 10/069,912

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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 18 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 4, 7-10 and 18 and rejected claims 1-6 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 7-10 and 18 herein. The amendments are supported by the specification and the originally filed claims such that new matter has not been presented. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 18 are to be pending upon entry of the amendments herein.

Amendments to the claims should not be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections by the Examiner and were provided solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections by the Examiner in view of the above amendments and the remarks herein.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 4, 7-10 and 18 based on various informalities. Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 7-10 and 18 to avoid the informalities acknowledged by the Examiner and require the temperatures to have a centigrade basis indicated as °C. Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to claims 1, 4, 7-10 and 18 should be withdrawn.

Claims Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for indefiniteness. Applicants have amended claim 1 to avoid the indefiniteness acknowledged by the Examiner. Applicants also

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indicate that the opined indefiniteness of claims 1-6 does not relate to claim 18 as claim 18 depends from claim 7, 8, 9 or 10. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1-6 and 18 should be withdrawn.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments and remarks presented herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections by the Examiner and allowance of the application with the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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